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POLAND: Food Supplies

The government has announced supplies of meat will be more plentiful during the holiday season. It also has pledged not to lower the meat ration next year, despite an anticipated 16-percent drop in livestock procurement. To fulfill this pledge, the regime will have to require consumers to purchase lower quality beef, to divert meat supplies from restaurants and factory canteens to retail outlets, and to export high-quality beef in exchange for larger amounts of chicken. The government concedes meat consumption in 1983 might fall at least another 4 percent to 56 kilograms per capita, as compared with 74 kilograms in 1980. [REDACTED]

Comment: "The increased supplies of meat are only temporary and stem largely from distress slaughtering of livestock as a result of feed shortages. The reduction next year of meat supplies to factory canteens, where workers eat their main daily meal, will add to consumer frustrations. If the regime is unable to barter for lower quality meat, shortages will be greater than planned, and meat rations could be further reduced. [REDACTED]

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# USSR-POLAND-ROMANIA: High-Level Meetings

*General Secretary Andropov's meetings last week with Polish Premier Jaruzelski and particularly with Romanian President Ceausescu apparently were marked by disagreement.*

The Soviet-Polish communique states that Jaruzelski's session with Andropov took place in a cordial atmosphere but fails to note either an "identity of view" or "mutual understanding"--formulations used to characterize Andropov's earlier meetings with other East European leaders. Jaruzelski reportedly discussed Polish measures aimed at ensuring stability and expressed appreciation for the USSR's "fraternal assistance," and Andropov accepted an invitation to visit Warsaw.

According to the Soviet-Romanian communique, Andropov's meeting with Ceausescu was "frank and comradely." The two sides exchanged views on bilateral relations, Warsaw Pact and CEMA cooperation, and "topical" foreign policy issues.

Ceausescu, in his speech on the following day, established his own independent position on the CEMA summit and reiterated his controversial proposal for removing all intermediate-range missiles from Europe. The TASS summary of the speech omitted mention of both proposals.

Comment: The Soviet-Polish communique is cooler than those issued after Jaruzelski's meetings earlier this year with President Brezhnev. This may reflect Andropov's doubts about Jaruzelski's handling of the suspension of martial law or his effectiveness in rebuilding the party. Andropov has criticized Jaruzelski's indecisiveness.

The characterization of the Soviet-Romanian talks as "frank and comradely" indicates major disagreement. Soviet pressure for Warsaw Pact and CEMA integration has caused friction in the past and probably is becoming more acute as preparations proceed for the meeting of Warsaw Pact party leaders in January and the CEMA summit next summer. The mention of "topical" foreign policy issues almost certainly refers to Ceausescu's INF proposal, which is at odds with Moscow's position.

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